



Minnesota Ag News – Prospective Plantings

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MINNESOTA CORN INTENTIONS UP, SOYBEAN ACREAGE HOLDING STEADY

(NOTE: The acreage that farmers actually plant in Minnesota and the U.S. may change from those published in this report due to many factors, including availability of credit, commodity prices, changing weather conditions, and the availability of inputs at the time producers must make final planting decisions.)

**CORN** growers in Minnesota intend to plant an estimated 7.9 million acres for all purposes, up 3 percent from 2010. If realized, corn acreage would be the second largest on record, behind 8.4 million acres planted in 2007.

**SOYBEAN** growers intend to plant an estimated 7.4 million acres, unchanged from 2010.

**SPRING WHEAT** planting intentions are estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

**OAT** planting intentions, at 225 thousand acres, are down 13 percent from 2010 planted acres.

**BARLEY** planting intentions increased 6 percent from last year to 90 thousand acres.

**SUGARBEET** planting intentions, of 445 thousand acres, are down 1 percent from last year.

**ALL SUNFLOWER** planting intentions, of 58 thousand acres, are down 34 percent from 2010.

- **OIL SUNFLOWER** planting intentions, of 45 thousand acres, are down 18 percent from 2010.

- **NON-OIL SUNFLOWER** planting intentions, of 13 thousand acres, are down 61 percent from last year.

Crop	2010 Planted	2011 Intentions	2011/2010
	<i>-1,000 acres-</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Corn	7,700	7,900	103
Soybeans	7,400	7,400	100
All Wheat	1,665	1,690	102
Spring Wheat	1,600	1,650	103
Winter Wheat 1/	65	40	62
Oats	260	225	87
Barley	85	90	106
Dry Beans	185	140	76
Sugarbeets	449	445	99
Flaxseed	4	6	150
All Sunflower	88	58	66
Oil	55	45	82
Non-Oil	33	13	39
Canola	46	21	46
All Hay 2/	1,900	1,900	100

1/ Acres planted in preceding fall.  
2/ Harvested acres.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Corn Planted Acreage Up 5 Percent from 2010  
Soybean Acreage Down 1 Percent  
All Wheat Acreage Up 8 Percent

**Corn** growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Acreage increases of 250,000 or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota. The largest decrease is expected in Texas, down 150,000 acres.

**Soybean** planted area for 2011 is estimated at 76.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. If realized, the United States planted area will be the third largest on record. Compared with last year, planted acreage declines of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Ohio. If realized, the planted area in New York and North Dakota will be the largest on record.

**All wheat** planted area is estimated at 58.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.2 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2011 is estimated at 14.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2011 is estimated at 2.37 million acres, down 8 percent from 2010.

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